

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed August 21, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-20 and 30. Applicants have canceled claims 1-20 and 30, and submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request notice to this effect. The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative below if any questions arise or she may be of assistance to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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